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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : IZUMI WATANABE ET AL.

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Title: PHYSICAL QUANTITY DETECTING DEVICE, METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING A PHYSICAL DETECTING DEVICE, AND  
MOTOR VEHICLE CONTROL SYSTEM USING SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

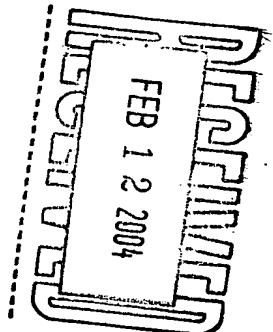
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 13, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I, (Claims 1-6).

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested on grounds that, at least with respect to Groups I and II, the Office Action does not demonstrate that the claims fail to relate to a single general inventive concept. That is, the Office Action does not explain how etching, drilling, etc. are deemed materially different for purposes of PCT Rule 13.2. Nor does the Office Action explain the basis for the general conclusion that Groups I and II have no technical relationship therebetween in light of the fact that both sets of claims are generally directed to physical quantity detecting devices, albeit in different categories.

Accordingly, an early action on the merits of at least Claims 1-8 is earnestly solicited.

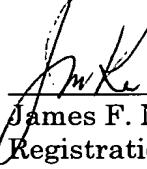


If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 056205.49697US).

Respectfully submitted,

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